AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for remotely operating a medical diagnostic imaging system, said method comprising:

moving a trackball in a handheld trackball device;

translating movement of said trackball to a command for execution at said medical diagnostic imaging system;

transmitting [[a]] <u>said</u> command based on movement of said trackball to said medical diagnostic imaging system from said handheld trackball device; and

executing said command at said medical diagnostic imaging system, wherein said command comprises adjusting a setting or function of said medical diagnostic imaging system based on said command.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting step further comprises wireless transmission of said command to said imaging system.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said moving step further comprises at least one of rolling and clicking said trackball.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said trackball comprises a wheel on a mousing device.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising controlling said imaging system using at least one of a voice command, a foot switch, and a remote keypad.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising pressing a button on said handheld trackball device to trigger an imaging system command.

7. (Currently Amended) A handheld trackball device for controlling a medical diagnostic imaging system, said device comprising:

a trackball for controlling said medical diagnostic imaging system based on motion of said trackball;

a transmitter for transmitting a command to said medical diagnostic imaging system based on motion of said trackball, said command generated through translation of said motion of said trackball to a command for execution at said medical diagnostic imaging system; and

a housing for holding said trackball and said transmitter.

- 8. (Original) The device of claim 7, further comprising a button for controlling an imaging system function.
- 9 (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein said trackball device works with voice commands to control said imaging system.
- 10. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein said trackball comprises a wheel on a mousing device.
- 11. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein said device works with at least one of a voice command, a foot switch, and a remote keypad to control said imaging system.
- 12. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein said handheld trackball device comprises a wireless handheld trackball device.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A remote mousing device for operating a medical diagnostic imaging system, said device comprising:
- a moveable portion for operating said medical diagnostic imaging system based on motion of said moveable portion; and

a transmitter for transmitting a command to said medical diagnostic imaging system based on said moveable portion, said command generated through translation of motion of said moveable portion to a command for execution at said medical diagnostic imaging system.

- 14. (Original) The mousing device of claim 13, wherein said moveable portion comprises at least one of a trackball, a wheel, and a joystick.
- 15. (Original) The mousing device of claim 13, further comprising an additional input receptor.
- 16. (Original) The mousing device of claim 15, wherein said additional input receptor comprises at least one of a button, a switch, and a touch screen.
- 17. (Original) The mousing device of claim 13, wherein said mousing device works with at least one of a voice command, a foot switch, and a remote keypad to control said imaging system.
- 18. (Original) The mousing device of claim 13, wherein said mousing device comprises a wireless mousing device.
- 19. (Original) The mousing device of claim 13, wherein said mousing device comprises a handheld mousing device.
- 20. (Original) The mousing device of claim 13, further comprising a fastener for affixing said mousing device to at least one of an operator and a subject being imaged.
- 21. (Original) The mousing device of claim 13, wherein said mousing device is integrated with an instrument.
- 22. (Original) The mousing device of claim 22, wherein said instrument comprises at least one of an imaging instrument and a medical instrument.